

SOCIALIST MAYOR, SEEING ITS FALSITY, REPUDIATES PARTY

Says Radicals, Who Should Be in Asylums, Control Organization.

BOLSHEVIKI GAIN HERE

Discontents Form Rank and File of Party; All Cry 'Persecution.'

PUBLICITY IS THEIR MEAT

Selfishness Is Foundation With Free Love One of Socialism's Principles.

[After being a member of the Socialist party for more than six years and elected on that ticket by one of the largest majorities ever accorded to a mayoralty candidate in Davenport, Ia., a city of 60,000 population, Dr. C. L. Barewald repudiated Socialism by resigning his membership in the party nine months after election. His resignation, which was accompanied by a scathing criticism of Socialist principles and theories, was a result of the impracticability of Socialism when applied and the cancerous growth of radicalism within the ranks of the party.]

By DR. C. L. BAREWALD. Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. DAVENPORT, IOWA, Jan. 15.—Socialism, a dream of Utopia, is doomed to failure in America because of the insatiable influences of radicalism, which have gained control, and the utter impracticability of the theories and principles of the party when applied.

Whenever an attempt has been made to carry out the basic principles of socialism the result has been a partial collapse of the organization and the failure of the system itself in government.

To-day radicals of the most violent type, men who are a menace to society and who should be confined in asylums as monomaniacs, control the councils of the party and dominate the members to the detriment of the latter.

In any case where the Socialist extremists have obtained power in government disaster has been the price paid for the experiment and it has taken years to recover from the effects.

Whether socialism is losing strength throughout the country is a matter for conjecture, but wherever it has been tried there is no doubt about it, and adherents who flocked to the party lured by the honeyed words and sweet promises of the agitators, have learned the bitter lesson that all that glitters is not gold. These disappointed, are gradually dropping away.

**Bolsheviki Weaken Party.** One of the chief reasons for the decadence of the Socialist party in America is the gradual strengthening of the Bolshevik element in the party, and it is common knowledge that it is but a step from ardent Socialism to rabid Bolshevism. In fact, wherever you see a fanatic Socialist there is an embryonic Bolshevik. Lenin and Trotsky are products of Socialism gone mad.

As for Bolshevism, it has spoken for itself. It is the radical and autocratic rule of the few, and while the experiment gives indications of success at the present writing I do not believe that it can survive in this era of civilization.

The Bolshevik regime is little different from the old Czarist reign, but because of the necessity for rule by the sword and bayonet it will eventually be overthrown by its own weaknesses.

The crimson banner of blood can never take the place of the American flag. True Americans will never consent to the adoption of principles so contrary to those on which this Government was founded.

And Socialism, the father of that errant child, Bolshevism, can never ascend to power in the United States here.

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cause of the same weakness which have been inherited by the latter. Perhaps the greatest weakness of the Socialist party is that the rank and file are made up of discontents who air their grievances with the world in general and the Government in particular at every meeting. Every Socialist local is a mutual grievance society. There may be some Socialist violence but at best they will be sporadic and of mushroom life. Socialist power in various sections of the country will burst through the healthy tissue of the body politic only to be consumed by its own flame.

**Self-Pity Follows Publicity.** The remedy for Socialism and that which will cause its eventual extermination is to ignore it absolutely. Average Socialists take great pleasure in crying out that they are being persecuted; that they are martyrs; that they are being maligned by the press, and articles in opposition to them are being pointed to by them as evidence of these facts. To ignore them would be taking away this their greatest weapon.

One peculiar thing about Socialism is the fact that it is merely individualism disguised. Nearly every Socialist, while declaring that he is an apostle of Socialization, in reality is an individualist of the rankest type. He speaks loudly of humanity—and thinks first of himself. An analysis of Socialist theories reveals their pitiful weaknesses. Radical members of the party are invariably indulging in violent words against patriotism, declaring that their movement is international, and asserting that all men will be treated alike under their system, but on this point as on the majority of others their theory will not stand the test of actual experience.

**Tenets Have No Sound Basis.**

One of the terrible vices of the radicals which has been preached and which is being urged daily by party leaders is that the organization takes into consideration merely the material side of life. Not only are the doctrines indifferent but they are basically opposed to the domestic and religious life of the world. Intellectuality and morality, in the eyes of the radical leaders, are fit subjects for sneers and laughter, and these same radicals offer as a substitute a form of communism absolutely material, with no spiritual or moral foundation.

These theories if actually carried out, naturally, according to the Socialist spellbinder, mean the immediate annihilation of personal ownership of capital. Annihilation of the family and eventually of civilization would follow as a matter of course.

Socialistic principles of free love are being adopted by the devotees through accident, but by the sequence in which the teachings are propounded and absorbed by the novice. The movement that no man shall have the right to what he owns proceeds naturally from material property to ethereal emotion.

There are many types of Socialists. The idealistic type, the visionary, is always looking toward the betterment of

present day conditions to benefit humanity, while the other extreme is the materialistic radical who is using the organization to further his own selfish ends. The first has neither the will nor executive ability to make his dreams a reality, and the second is the Marxian type, with sufficient cunning to mask his desires and the will to dominate the more ignorant members grouped in the party.

**Radicals Weaken the Party.** But the violent radical who is using the party machinery to place himself in power is weakening the party far more than outside opposition and attack. His very virulence and antagonism to everything, including the ideas of his own kind, are the subtle enemies which are slowly but surely sapping the vitality of the Socialist party.

Many of those who call themselves Socialists because they are attempting to find a solution for the problems of to-day are not Socialists but advanced Liberals. They have ideals, and radicalism is most remote from their thoughts.

I suppose that I could be listed in the latter class. I joined the party and I might say for six years went to school. I believed in certain principles, incited in the Socialist doctrines and became a member of the organization, hoping that I would be able to see that those principles would be carried out. After two bitter political battles, the last one successful, I discovered that socialism was not so much idealism as it was organization simply to place another party in power with the ensuing scramble for political plums. I learned that a good many members of the party did not know much about the basic principles of their platform and also that there was no such thing as compromise and that there is no appeal from the decision of a radical. There is a way by which the unrest and content of to-day can be eliminated, but I have learned to my sorrow that socialism is not the proper method of procedure.

The solemn duty of every true American citizen is to register a protest to that which is not just and in some way supply a remedy for the correction of present day evils; but justice will never be attained by advocating remedies which are false from their very foundation.

It is from the viewpoint of the worker and the farmer that I speak, and it is because of the radical doctrines which I most oppose are being distributed broadcast among these types of workers that I wish to remind them that the dream of Utopia cannot come true by revolution but only by evolution.

Everything possible should be done to create equal opportunities for all, for by so doing every man will get a chance to display his true worth and be rewarded accordingly.

Socialists among themselves may differ, but no matter how wide this divergence may be they quickly rally to the defence of one another whenever any one of their membership is assailed from outside their group. This is characteristic of an organization which has a certain amount of influence but at the same time is a minority factor. It is on account of this difference of opinion among the rank and file of the party that it is an utter impossibility for any clear thinking man to state the Socialist position so that it will meet with the approval of all Socialists.

For these reasons I resigned from the Socialist party.

PARLEY TO DISARM PUT UP TO WILSON

House Committee Passes Resolution Requesting Him to Take Action.

TO INVITE ALL NATIONS

Question Raised Whether the Matter Should Be Left to Mr. Harding.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Definite steps looking toward disarmament were taken to-day by the House Foreign Affairs Committee which reported a resolution authorizing President Wilson to invite the nations of the world to send delegates to an international convention to consider ways and means of bringing it about.

Although all members of the committee voted for the proposal, Democrats objected to its adoption at this time on the ground that it might embarrass the President. They contended it was a question which more properly should be considered by President-elect Harding. Chairman Porter, a warm advocate of the movement, insisted, however, that it was the desire to have the resolution ready for Mr. Harding in event Mr. Wilson did not act on it.

Representative Brooks, Republican (Ill.), author of the resolution, announced that efforts would be made to expedite its consideration by the House. There was no indication of any movement to get together with the Senate, which has pending a resolution by Senator Borah, Republican (Idaho), providing for armament reduction by the United States, Great Britain and Japan, and a resolution by Senator Walsh, Democrat (Mont.), authorizing the President to appoint a member of the disarmament commission of the League of Nations.

Members of the committee frankly expressed doubt whether the Brooks resolution could be voted on at this session, owing to the heavy run of appropriation legislation. Representative Flood of Virginia, ranking Democrat, said he saw no reason for the

assumption that President Wilson might ignore the direction and pass the question on to Mr. Harding. He questioned the propriety of asking Mr. Wilson to act on the eve of leaving office and after the League of Nations Covenant, providing for joint disarmament, had been rejected by the United States. Without much discussion the committee defeated an amendment by Representative Mason, Republican (Ill.), stipulating that countries now seeking their independence should be invited to the conference which would be held in this country. Mr. Mason said this would enable Ireland and the Philippines to participate.

**3 BARRELS OF LIQUOR FOR THIS ORDINATION**  
Miss Robertson, Oklahoma, Recalls 'Good Old Days.'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—An incident of "the good old days" was recalled to-day by Miss Alice Robertson, Representative-elect from Oklahoma. During a talk with newspapermen at the Capitol, prohibition came up.

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